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Device

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The following is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2002, and is currently due September 27, 2002.

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Election of Species

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Provisional Election with Traverse.

Applicant provisionally elects the species of FIGS. 1 and 2 with traverse. Further, claims 1-7, 12-20 are provisionally identified as readable upon this species.

As is well understood, restriction is proper only when (1) the restricted inventions are independent or patentably distinct, and (2) when there is a serious burden on the Examiner (MPEP 803). The burden is on the Examiner to provide reasons and/or examples in support of

37 C.F.R. §1.8

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